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SUBJECT: U.S. STRETCH FORM PRESS TO USSR - IL 1081

REF: (A) STATE 289837, (B) STATE 97974, (C) COCOM DOC  
(78) 108, (D) STATE 69891, (E) STATE 89837

1. DISCUSSION ON THIS CASE BEGAN AT APRIL 17 COCOM  
MEETING WITH ITALY INDICATING THAT IT COULD LIFT ITS  
RESERVE AND APPROVE EXCEPTION REQUEST. (AS PREVIOUSLY  
REPORTED CANADA HAS ALSO APPROVED CASE.)

2. REFERRING TO THE USDEL RESPONSE TO THE U.K. QUES-  
TION ON THE END-USER CONTAINED IN COCOM DOC (78) 108.3,  
PARA 6 (BASED ON REF D), UKDEL STATED THAT HIS AUTHOR-  
ITIES WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE GENERAL RESPONSE THAT  
"THE U.S. AUTHORITIES SURMISED THAT THE PRESS WOULD BE  
USED FOR FORMING AIRCRAFT SKIN, PERHAPS FOR WIDE-BOD-  
IED JET AIRCRAFT GIVEN THE EVIDENCE OF THE EXISTENCE  
OF A SOVIET PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH AIR-  
CRAFT." HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WANT  
TO KNOW PRECISELY FOR WHAT END-USE THE PRESS IS INTEND-  
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ED AS WELL AS BY WHOM AND WHERE IT WILL BE USED. USDEL  
RECALLED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY STATED THAT THE SOVIET  
PURCHASING AGENT AVTOPROIMPORT WAS THE STATED PURCHASER  
IN THIS CASE AND THAT NO INFORMATION HAD BEEN PROVIDED  
ON THE END-USE AND THE END-USER. THE UKDEL THEN  
RESPONDED THAT IF THE U.S. WANTS A FINAL POSITION FROM  
THE U.K. THEN THE U.S. AUTHORITIES WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE

THE ANSWERS TO THE U.K. QUESTIONS. IN RESERVING ITS POSITION ON THE CASE, THE FRENCH DEL ASSOCIATED ITSELF RECORD SIDE REMARK U.K. DELEGATE ASKED WHY THE USG OR THE U.S. FIRM HAD NOT ASKED AVTOPROIMPORT FOR ADDITIONAL END-USE INFORMATION.

3. USDEL PROVIDED THE ANSWER TO THE OTHER U.K. QUESTION RE THE AGE OF THE U.S. PRESS USING THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN REF E.

4. USDEL THEN READ STATEMENT IN PARA 1 REF B, CONCLUDING WITH QUESTION OUTLINED IN FIRST SENTENCE PARA 2 REF B. HOWEVER, SINCE THE LANGUAGE IN REF B WAS AMBIGUOUS AS TO WHETHER USG ALSO BELIEVES BRIDGE-TYPE VERTICAL HYDRAULIC PRESSES WOULD BE UNEMBARGOED UNDER IL 1072, USDEL PHRASED THE QUESTION AS FOLLOWS" I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE FRENCH DELEGATION IF IT COULD CONFIRM THE IMPRESSION THAT THE PRESSES INVOLVED IN THE FRENCH TRANSACTION ARE BRIDGE-TYPE VERTICAL HYDRAULIC PRESSES WHICH THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES BELIEVE ARE COVERED BY, BUT UNEMBARGOED UNDER IL 1072." IF THIS WORDING DOES NOT CONVEY THE MEANING INTENDED BY THE WASHINGTON AGENCIES, PLEASE INFORM USDEL BEFORE APRIL 25 MEETING SO A CHANGE CAN BE MADE DURING THE REVIEW OF THE DRAFTS OF THE APRIL 18 MEETING.

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5. WHEN THE FRENCH DELEGATION RESPONDED THAT IT COULD NOT ANSWER THAT QUESTION DURING MEETING, USDEL PROCEEDED TO READ THE REST OF STATEMENT IN PARA 2, REF B. PURSUANT TO PARA 3, REF C, USDEL DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF THE CYRIL BATH NOV. 2, 1976 LETTER, WITH IDENTIFICATION OF FIRM REMOVED, THE DRAWINGS TO THE AVTOPROIMPORT JOB ASSIGNMENTS, AND PAGE 22 OF THE FRENCH FIRM'S CATALOG. (SINCE USDEL RECEIVED ONLY A XEROX COPY OF THIS CATALOG, THE COPIES WHICH USDEL WAS ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE WERE OF A VERY POOR QUALITY. REQUEST THAT DELEGATION COMING FOR APRIL 25 SPECIAL COCOM MEETING HAND-CARRY ORIGINAL OF CATALOG, IF AVAILABLE, SO THAT BETTER COPIES CAN BE DISTRIBUTED.)

6. FRENCH DEL DID NOT RESPOND TO USDEL STATEMENT. WHEN UKDEL ASKED USDEL IF IT CONSIDERED ITS STATEMENT A RESPONSE TO THE UK QUESTION ON END-USER, USDEL

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RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY. UKDEL THEN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT, ACCORDING TO COCOM RULES, HIS DELEGATION WAS OBLIGED TO STATE POSITION IN TWO WEEKS, I.E., ON MAY 2. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD CONSIDER THE U.S. RESPONSE ADEQUATE. FRENCH DEL ADOPTED SAME POSITION.

7. GERMAN, JAPANESE, BELGIAN AND DUTCH DELEGATIONS MAINTAINED THEIR RESERVES ON THIS CASE, AND IN ORDER TO HAVE SUBJECT DEALT WITH ON WEEKLY BASIS AS REQUESTED IN REF B, USDEL GRANTED ONLY ONE WEEK FOR STATEMENT OF THEIR POSITIONS. SUBJECT THEREFORE WILL BE ON AGENDA APRIL 25.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: IT IS LIKELY THAT UK WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS U.S. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON END-USE AND END-USER. IF THIS DOES OCCUR, USDEL BELIEVES THAT AT A MINIMUM WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO INDICATE BILATERALLY OR IN COMMITTEE WHETHER OR NOT THE USG OR THE U.S. FIRM HAS ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE END-USE AND END-USER FROM AVTOPROIMPORT, AND IF NOT, WHY SUCH INQUIRIES, WHICH ARE NORMAL FOR EXPORTS OF EMBARGOED PRODUCTS, HAVE NOT BEEN INITIATED.  
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